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Attention: Sherry Brinkley

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaki WATANABE et al.

Serial No. 08/984,649

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(C)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c) requesting that the above-identified application in which the Issue Fee has been paid be withdrawn from issue. As required under § 1.313(c), this application is to be abandoned to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under §1.97 in a concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114.

The Issue Fee for the present application was paid on February 5, 2002.

Applicants have received an additional reference cited in a foreign search report. The additional reference is being submitted herewith in an IDS for consideration by the Examiner.

Enclosed with this Petition is a check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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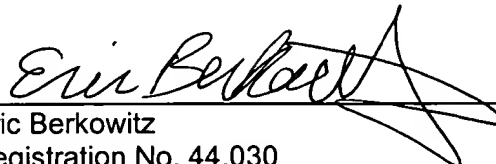
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this Petition for Withdrawal be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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